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## UNWORTHY RULER OF ROME

History Accords Low Place to Commodus, Whom Fortune Capriciously Lifted to High Estate.

Commodus was a Roman emperor, notorious for his cruel and voluptuous character. He was endowed with extraordinary strength, and often appeared in imitation of Hercules, dressed in a lion's skin and armed with a club. To display his skill and strength in arms he appeared publicly in the amphitheater. As his opponents were armed with weapons of tin or lead, while he was encased in impenetrable armor, he had naturally an easy victory on every occasion. For his amusement he cut asunder persons, put out their eyes, and mutilated their noses, etc.

Commodus was strangled by the gladiator Narcissus, who was hired to commit the deed by Marcia, the mistress of Commodus, who had plotted with members of his official family, to put him out of the way. When he died the senate declared him an enemy of the state, ordered his statues to be broken to pieces, and his name to be erased from all public inscriptions.—Detroit News.

### Searching for Shock.

There are so many instances where speech and hearing have been restored by a severe shock that there is a general notion among deaf and dumb persons that their salvation rests in this direction. Consequently they are resorting to airplane trips as a means of restoring their functions. The manager of the air station at Croydon, England, reports that he is besieged with requests from these afflicted persons who are hopeful that an experience in midair might supply the necessary shock. The parents of an afflicted child brought their offspring to the station and made a request that the child be taken aloft with the idea of possibly curing her, but aside from the tonic effect upon the child there was no other result. The child returned to the ground in a very happy frame of mind and was delighted with her experience. It has been suggested that the trip aloft does not have the desired effect for the reason that the various experiences in the air are more or less expected and therefore the element of suddenness and shock are lacking.

## Helene Chadwick



Pretty Helene Chadwick was born in Chadwick, N. Y., where her father was president of the silk mills. She is the granddaughter of Lord Chadwick of England. She was educated in New York and spent all of her life there until 1916 when she heeded the call of the silent drama. In her first picture, as a "movie" star, Miss Chadwick played the part of a rough western girl.

## THE RIGHT THING at the RIGHT TIME

By MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE

### WHAT WE TALK ABOUT

Who think too little and who talk too much.—Dryden.

WHAT would seem an indelicate or unsuitable subject for conversation in one age would seem quite proper in another. Our ideas about such things depend very much on the period in which we live. The girl of today would never hesitate to bring up and discuss in a more or less scientific way matters of human interest that our grandmothers would have regarded as too shocking to be spoken of in their own rooms, and then in a whisper. But those grandmothers when they were young would have discussed their petty household problems and gossiped about their servants and their neighbors in a way that the girl of today would regard as unpardonable.

"Since the war we talk about anything," a woman said a day or so ago in apology for having brought up a gruesome story at a dinner gathering. Another woman suggested that if our boys have been enduring such frightful experiences as they have we certainly ought not to feel squeamish about talking about these things. As a matter of fact, the boys who have been through the worst do not usually want to dwell very long on such subjects. Doctors and nurses returned from overseas service almost never recall their gruesome experiences in social intercourse, and assuredly it is in very bad form to force upon anyone the ordeal of listening to gruesome or loathsome experiences. But still there are some people who delight in just this sort of thing. They keep members of their families and their hostesses on pins and needles, too, for fear they will say something that is in bad taste.

In one respect we have made rapid strides of late years. We are far less inclined to mar the serenity of a dinner party or other social gathering by violent political discussion.

This much we learned during the first months of the European war, before we had weighed the situation in Europe as a nation and when there were sure to be violently opposed points of view on the whole subject. In Washington society at that time, especially, it was really regarded as most illbred to start a political discussion. People avoided talking about the war in social conversation. It was the only way that people could meet each other and find any kind of comfort or recreation in such intercourse. Our greatest danger now is in taking the joy out of our conversations by talking over the events and conditions of the war. Let's take this in hand the way we took the matter of political differences before the war. Let's make up our minds not to bring up and not to encourage in others subjects that are depressing or nerve-racking, save when by discussing them we can effect some good.

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### A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

#### IN GRATITUDE

I'M GOING to laugh and sing today  
And as a soaring bird be gay  
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But truly out of gratitude  
For all the blessings spread upon  
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